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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A TRIBUTE TO DR. PISEK

DEAR EDITOR: Would it be possible, for the sake of the large number of your subscribers who had the infinite good fortune to be trained under the wonderful teaching of the late Dr. Pisek, to reprint the enclosed tribute to him from a poem which appeared in the *New York State Journal of Medicine* for December? Dr. Pisek was a kind, patient, fatherly teacher in the truest sense of that word. He approached his work on the Post Graduate Babies' Wards in a thoroughly pedagogical manner; it was his serene pleasure to develop powers of observation, diligence, and what else a nurse needs and when once his mildly beaming eyes turned on me in surprise because he found a baby's tongue dry, I never after forgot to give folks drinks. I still have his notes and have used them many times in my own teaching. My husband cherishes the same tender memories of Dr. Pisek, who was also his lecturer on Pediatrics.

New Rochelle, N. Y.

AMY ARMOUR SMITH.

IN MEMORIAM

GODFREY ROGER PISEK, M.D., Sc.D.

By S. Adolphus Knopf, M.D.

"To those who saw him at the bedside,
Gentle, kind, and almost saintlike thus,
Dispensing succor and relief, recalling
Vigor and the glow of health
When death seemed near.
He was so young and yet
Into one single score of years
He crowded all the work of a long life,
So that it seems he had been with us here
For many a year e're yet his face we knew.
Because of his achievements great
His character and high ideals,
Few had more friends
Than he could count his own;
Few had attained the same renown,
When still so young in years."

THE NURSE AS A FARMER

DEAR EDITOR: I thought you might be interested in the after life of a one time nurse. Being "by birth and education" a farmer and fond of the soil, I returned to it after 22 years of service in the nursing field. In 1909, I bought a lot 150 x 150 feet in my native village in New Jersey and proceeded to have erected on it a six-room stucco cottage into which my sister and I moved April 1, 1910. I had always in mind the thought of a place *I could take care of myself*, that was central, quiet, and inexpensive in its upkeep. I planned to keep what fowls I could care for and get as much in fruit and vegetables as we would need from our garden. After nearly 12 years, I decide my reasoning has been